

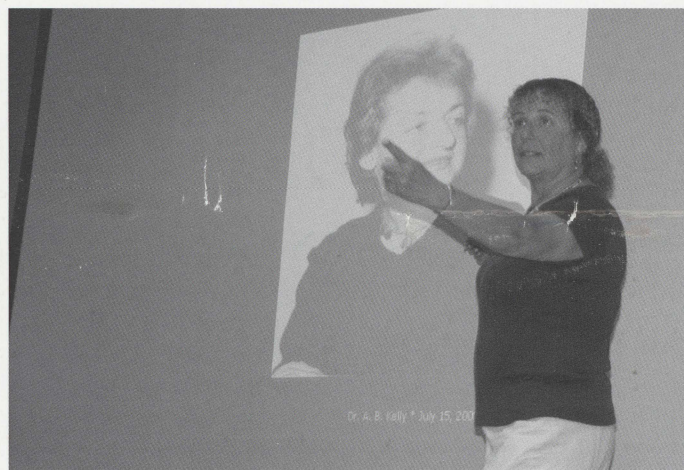
Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Without Googling, can you name the locations of all six Gallaudet University Regional Centers? For an extra challenge, can you name the schools that house the centers?

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Lhamo Tsering (right), manager of the Tibetan Sign Language (TSL) project with Handicap International, Tibet, displays a T-shirt with the TSL alphabet with Ekawati Liu, a deaf woman from Indonesia and an M.A. candidate in International Development at American University. The women met in Tibet. Tsering, who plans to help lay the groundwork for an interpreter training program in Tibet, was at Gallaudet to attend the Deaf Women's leadership Training hosted by the College of Professional Studies and Outreach. The goal of the TSL project is to collect and document the indigenous signs used by Tibetan deaf people. Since 2001, three volumes of the TSL dictionary, which include 1,000 signs, have been completed, and textbooks and storybooks for deaf children have been published.



Dr. Arlene Kelly, associate professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies, discusses the work of author and women's rights activist Betty Friedan at a July 28 community presentation on women's history. Other presentations for the campus community this summer included ASL and Deaf Studies Chair Dr. MJ Bienvenu with "Deafhood and Feminism" and Business Department Chair Khadijat Rashid on personal finance. The series was sponsored by the Gallaudet Leadership Institute.

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Gallaudet Athletics sprints into fall with new field, new lights, and new potential

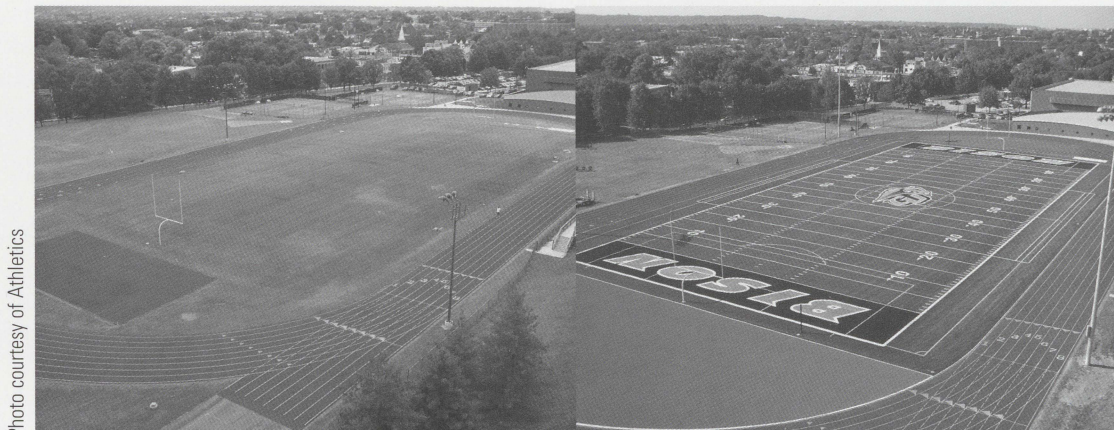


Photo courtesy of Athletics

(LEFT) The old Hotchkiss Field showing its grass turf before the resurfacing projects. (RIGHT) The new field sporting its FieldTurf and Bison accents.

With the the fall athletics season still weeks away, the Bison buzz had already begun. Students had shown increased interest in team and intramural sports and the department had added full-time coaches for football, volleyball, and basketball as well as hired a full-time intramural coordinator.

And, just in time for the first practices, Hotchkiss Field took on a new look—the kelly green expanse marked by crisp white yard lines and a bold new buff and blue Bison logo. This project was the first major work on the playing field in 20 years, and according to Athletics Director Mike Weinstock, it is a boon to the athletics program and the Gallaudet community as a whole.

The new field, made with a material called FieldTurf designed to look and feel like grass but offering a softer, more even surface, is the result of nine months of research and preparation on the

part of the Department of Athletics and the Facilities Department. The field has multiple benefits, explained Weinstock, and the big winners are current and future students.

"The old field had become very uneven and was costly to maintain," said Weinstock. "This FieldTurf field will reduce injuries for our players, and serve as a great recruiting and retention tool—all part of the new Gallaudet." In addition, games and practices need not be deterred by rain.

Whereas rain often turned the grass and soil of the old field into mud, halting practices sometimes for days, the synthetic turf never gets muddy. Buffered by layers of rubber and sand below, it can absorb up to five inches of rain an hour.

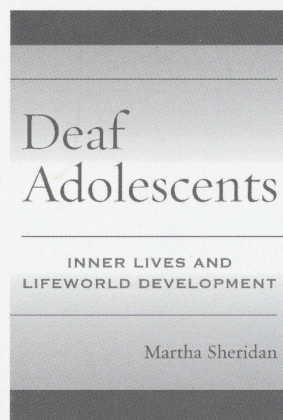
"It's very, very exciting for the University," said Assistant Athletics Director and Head Football

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New books by faculty members add to diversity of GUPress titles

New titles by two faculty members highlight the varied books published by GUPress this year—*Deaf Adolescents: Inner Lives and*

Lifeworld Development, by Dr. Martha Sheridan, associate professor in the Department of Social Work, and *Moon on the Meadow: Collected Poems*, by Dr. Pia Taavila, a professor in the English Department. In *Deaf Adolescents*,

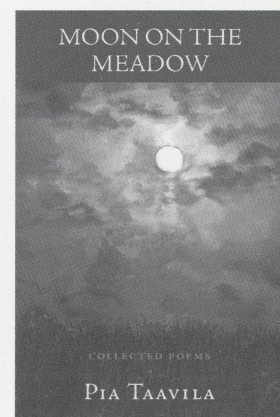


Sheridan revisits the seven deaf and hard of hearing children she featured in her landmark book *Inner Lives of Deaf Children: Interviews and Analysis*. In her first study, Sheridan learned that these children, then ages 7 to 10, possessed strength, positive experiences, and healthy relationships. Her new book views these same children as teenagers as they work to establish their own identities. Sheridan's renewed research advances the quest to determine what pathways and spaces can foster productive, healthy, and satisfying deaf lives.

As a child of deaf adults, Taavila first learned to communicate when her father fingerspelled the

names of toys to her and her mother showed her the signs for objects in picture books. From this visual orientation, combined with her own innate sense of imagery, Taavila crafted the lush verse featured in *Moon on the Meadow*. She uses the graphic power of her poetry to evoke emotions about all aspects of existence—love, loss of love, family, death, and desire—through a lens attuned to the simple beauty of the natural. Yet she never strays far from home or her family to create what *The Washington Post Book World* describes as "these strikingly visual poems."

Day by Day: The Chronicles of a Hard of Hearing Reporter traces the amazing story of Elizabeth Thompson through new writings and columns she penned for *Suburban News Publications* (SNP). Thompson started losing her hearing in elementary school, and was completely deaf by her first marriage. As the years went on, she found herself a single mother, then remarried, and later learned that she had multiple sclerosis.



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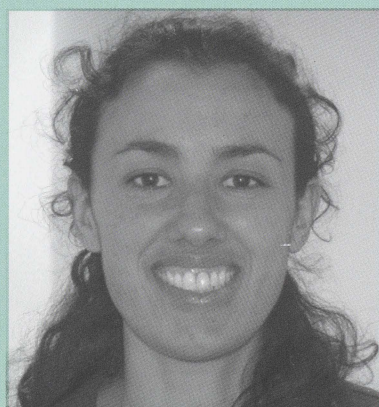


LEFT: Bernard Brown (right) a retired faculty member in the Department of Business and an instructor in the Gallaudet Leadership Institute-Merrill Lynch Entrepreneur Leadership Program (GLI-ML) congratulates Raymond Rodgers, whose business plan presentation was chosen as the best of five by a panel of judges on July 31. This is the fourth annual competition for students in the GLI-ML program to present plans to start a business or to expand an existing one. The Merrill Lynch Entrepreneur Leadership Program is a collaboration between GLI and the National Deaf Business Institute (NBDI) and serves as a model for the delivery of professional programs for deaf entrepreneurs and business organizations. It also allows participants to learn from other deaf professionals who have experienced challenges of successfully establishing or expanding a business. Rodgers' plan is to expand his Chicago, Ill.-based business, Deaf Communication by Innovation, which provides sign language interpreting, multimedia services, ASL instruction, text interpreting, and consultation for businesses to better integrate deaf and hard of hearing clients and employees into their workplace. The other presenters were Dan Hoffman of Austin, Tex., who wants to start a sign language instruction business, Tree of Signs; Mark Morales of Columbus, Ohio, who hopes to expand his part-time business in ASL performance art; Jason Kaldani of Arlington, Va., who intends to start InfoAccess, a business that would provide consultation to state and federal agencies seeking to meet the accessibility needs of clients and employees with disabilities; and Tanya Sealy of Bridgetown, Barbados, who is exploring the possibilities of starting Tanya's Photography, a business providing creative photography for functions such as weddings and conferences, and photos for tourists to Barbados. BELOW: Judges at the GLI-ML—all Gallaudet alumni—watch intently as a presenter gives details of a proposed business plan. After each presentation they critiqued the plan, offered suggestions to improve it, and scored it based on its strengths and weaknesses. The judges are (from left): Jack Levesque, retired executive director of Deaf Counseling, Advocacy, and Referral Agency, one of the first deaf-run agencies in the country, which provides a comprehensive range of services to deaf and hard of hearing people of the San Francisco Bay Area of California; Matthew Krueger, founder of Exceptional Personal Chef Services, LLC, a business he started after obtaining a degree in the field of culinary arts and attending GLI-ML; and Louis Schwarz, president of NBDI, an organization whose mission is to empower the deaf community by helping deaf people develop skills to start, manage, and grow successful businesses and organizations. "The event was sponsored by the College of Professional Studies and Outreach."



Roving Reporter

What was your favorite thing about the summer of 2008?



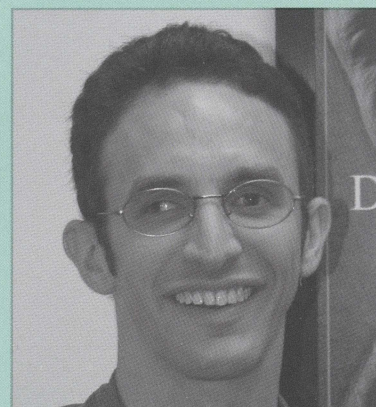
Winning my fourth gold medal in the European Deaf Basketball Championships in Germany.

Touria Ouahid Boren
project specialist
Enrollment Management



Going to the beach and spending time with my son.

Tiri Fellows
FYE instructor



Visiting my brother in the "City that Never Sleeps"—where else? New York City!

Matt Sickon
donor relations specialist
Development Office

Hotchkiss Field

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Coach Ed Hottle. "This is a giant step forward to have an all-weather facility for all of the athletes in our 14 sports teams, the intramural program, and physical education classes. Over time we'll probably wonder how we lived without it."

Head Women's Soccer Coach Sarah Gumina also looks forward to the newly resurfaced field. "I am extremely excited for the team to be able to experience a synthetic turf field," she said. "The benefits of this field can be huge once the adjustment is made. We are working on plans for night games and that will give Gallaudet an opportunity to come out and support women's soccer."

Other improvements accompanied the new field. During the six-week resurfacing process, the FieldTurf company replaced the D-shaped long jump and pole vault areas behind the goal posts and added water faucets and electrical outlets on the sidelines, while Musco Lighting installed four energy-saving light posts. One of the existing light poles was turned toward the tennis courts, which previously had no illumination of their own.

Weinstock said the Bison can now conduct practices and games any time, day or night. "The coaches don't have to schedule their practices around daylight," he said. "They have much more flexibility."

These extended hours give the various teams more chances to practice and will make it easier to work practices into their academic schedules. On hot days, coaches can change practice times to the cooler evening hours. And for the first time in the school's history, Gallaudet can host night games on Hotchkiss Field. With the improved lighting, the players will be able to see the field and their teammates more clearly, and spectators in the stands will find it easier to converse in ASL.

The long jump and pole vault areas offer another set of advantages, Weinstock added. They have been elongated and repaved, and now meet National Collegiate Athletic Association standards. This means that Gallaudet can

host track meets.

Representatives from the Office of Administration and Finance (A&F) say the field is good for the environment and a good investment. Synthetic turf fields got a bad rap in the past, said Executive Director of Business and Support Services Gary Aller, but that has changed. "We learned that synthetic turf used to include lead and other harmful materials," he said, "and it felt like scratchy carpet. This kind is completely different—it is soft, springy, and safe for our athletes and the ground water."

Synthetic turf fields, now widely used by area universities and high schools, as well as most National Football League and professional soccer teams, do not require watering, fertilizing, painting, or aerating. They also stay green without harmful chemicals. This was a positive benefit for senior Jessica Frank, an environmental intern with A&F. While most of the grass on campus is maintained using all organic methods, she said, Hotchkiss Field required synthetic fertilizers and insecticides. The resurfacing of the field helped move Kendall Green toward a 100 percent organic landscape.

Weinstock pointed out that the University will save overall on water usage, fertilizer, grass seed, paint, mowing, and other labor, making the field a wise long-term financial investment.

In addition to this benefit, Musco's Light-Structure Green system cuts energy usage and cost by about 50 percent, and one of the layers below the turf is made with recycled tires—about 20,000 of them—which would have otherwise ended up in landfills.

The new Hotchkiss Field started to see use when football practice started August 13, and the Gallaudet community can look forward to seeing games on the new turf during October's Homecoming weekend. The first night game will be a November 7 football matchup against Williamson Trade.

A photo gallery of the resurfacing project is available on the Athletics website at www.gallaudetathletics.com/sports/generalnews/2008-09/HotchkissFieldRenovation. ■

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VL2 approved for \$12 million funding over next three years



VISUAL LANGUAGE
& VISUAL LEARNING

The Science of Learning Center on Visual Language and Visual Learning (VL2), headquartered at Gallaudet, has been approved for funding for the remaining three years of its five-year cycle at \$4 million per year. The approval came August 11 from the National Science Board, and all members of the team are “popping the champagne,” as recommended by Dr. David Lightfoot, assistant director of the National Science Foundation, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences.

The science board’s approval follows a highly successful second-year review of VL2 in April by a renowned group of researchers, including international scholars that resulted in a recommendation for the continued funding.

Since its establishment in 2006, VL2, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), has been opening new venues of research that focus on understanding skilled deaf readers whose first language is ASL. This increased funding will allow additional researchers to join VL2 in its efforts to understand the mechanisms involved with skilled deaf readers. Approval by the National Science Board will allow these exciting projects to proceed.

Dr. Thomas Allen, principle investigator and director of VL2, stated, “The Site

Visit was a highly productive event, with recognition for our researchers such as Drs. Paul Dudis (assistant professor in the Department of Linguistics at Gallaudet) and Jill Morford (associate professor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque) as engaging in ‘transformative scientific advancements.’ We believe the center has the potential to transform the education of all deaf individuals, and other visual learners in general, giving us great hope for the future.” Following the recent news from the National Science Board, Allen said he is working on budgets to bring on board a larger group of researchers who will work with VL2 in its endeavors.

In its first 18 months, VL2 was awarded \$4.5 million, which was used to establish an infrastructure and the basis for future research. This work included establishing partnerships, beginning ground breaking research, and bringing on-board a diverse group of deaf and hearing students at all levels—undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral—to meet the goals of providing a greater understanding of the biological, linguistic, cognitive, socio-cultural, and pedagogical conditions that influence the acquisition of language and knowledge in the visual modality.

VL2 is one of six Science of Learning Centers. It is a virtual center with an eight-university network that, in addition to Gallaudet, includes the National Technical Institute of the Deaf, Boston University, the University of New Mexico, University of Illinois-Champaign Urbana, Georgetown University, and two members of the University of California system—San Diego and Davis. ■

Among Ourselves

Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs awarded its 2008 Doctoral Prize to Dr. Jeremy Brunson, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, for exemplifying excellence in scholarship and research at the doctoral level. Brunson received the award for his dissertation, “The Practice and Organization of Sign Language Interpreting in Video Relay Service: An Institutional Ethnography of Access,” which he successfully defended on March 19. He graduated from Syracuse on May 11.

Campus Calendar

August

18-22—Graduate Student Orientation

20-23—New Student Orientation

22—Business registration for new students, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Annual Faculty and Staff BBQ, noon-4 p.m., Olmsted Green (rain location, Sixth Street parking Garage)

24—Business registration for returning students

25—Fall classes begin

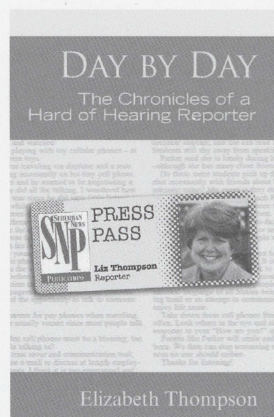
28—ATLAS Open House, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Merrill Learning Center (Library)

September

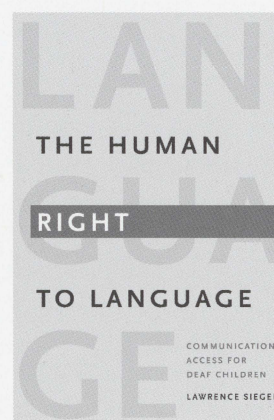
2—Gallaudet Dance Company try-outs, 4-6 p.m., Delta Zeta Dance Studio, Field House

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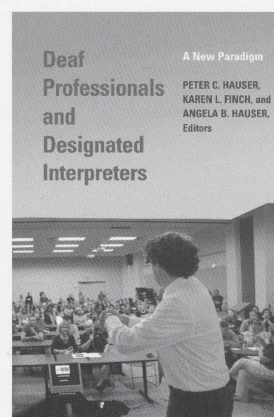
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Cochlear implants, mainstreaming, genetic engineering, and other ethical dilemmas confronting deaf people today spurred this new, wide-ranging examination of these issues. The comprehensive collection also provides a DVD of ASL performances staged at a conference that engendered this work.



tee deaf and hard of hearing children the right to full communication and access in the classroom, and should be enforced. *Deaf Identity and Social Images in Nineteenth-Century France*, by Dr. Anne Quartararo, depicts the struggle for deaf French people to preserve their cultural heritage from the French Revolution in 1789 to their social activism against oralism through 1900.



Clerc Center Happenings

Clerc Center kicks off academic year with new dean



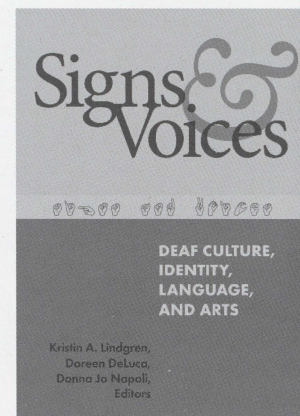
Clerc Center teachers and staff gathered in MSSD’s Theatre Malz on August 18 to meet their new dean, Edward Bosso, for his address to the community at Clerc’s annual kickoff to the school year.

Bosso is a nationally recognized leader in the areas of bilingual education high-stakes testing and educational accountability. He brings to the Clerc Center more than 25 years of experience, the last 16 as an educational administrator. He is currently the president of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools for the Deaf (CEASD).

Bosso’s opening presentation provided the Clerc Center with a sense of his vision for the coming year and a commitment to the work ahead. Kicking off a week of professional development and training, Bosso concluded by stating, “I feel fortunate to be here and I am excited about the good work we will do together for students here and across the country.” ■

Undaunted, she expressed an astonishing exuberance that led to her SNP position. Thompson always wrote entertaining stories, which she often used to gently counsel readers to treat deaf people with respect. *Day by Day* celebrates the amazing arc of her life, a wonderful testament to her joyous resilience.

GUPress has also released *Signs and Voices: Deaf Culture, Identity, Language, and Arts*, edited by Kristin A. Lindgren, Doreen DeLuca, and Donna Jo Napoli.



Other titles recently published by GUPress include Lawrence Siegel’s *The Human Right to Language: Communication Access for Deaf Children*, which proposes that the first and fourteenth amendments of the Constitution guarantee deaf and hard of hearing children the right to full communication and access in the classroom, and should be enforced.

Deaf Identity and Social Images in Nineteenth-Century France, by Dr. Anne Quartararo, depicts the struggle for deaf French people to preserve their cultural heritage from the French Revolution in 1789 to their social activism against oralism through 1900. Finally, *Deaf Professionals and Designated Interpreters: A New Paradigm*, edited by Dr. Peter Hauser, Karen Finch, and Angela Hauser, defines a new model for interpreting dependent upon close partnerships between the growing number of deaf attorneys, educators, and other professionals and their interpreters.

These and other GUPress books can be purchased at the Bison Shop and online at gupress.gallaudet.edu. ■

GCRC hosts first annual Summer Retreat



Maybelle Taylor Bennett, director of Howard University's Community Association, was a guest speaker at the Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC) retreat. She told the group how she modeled her 17-year-old organization after the GCRC.

The Gallaudet Community Relations Council (GCRC) held its first annual Summer Retreat on July 11 at the University. The theme for the retreat was an extension of the one for this year's Awards and Recognition Program: "Gallaudet Community Relations Council, Emerging with the Community." GCRC Chair George Boyd stated, "We will use this theme for the entire year for all of GCRC's events to communicate our commitment to align our mission and vision to that of the University in the interest of community betterment."

The purpose of the retreat was to provide an opportunity to allow the GCRC to establish goals and plan events for the upcoming academic year. Guest speakers included Maybelle Bennett, director of the Howard University Community Association. As director of the community association for the past 17 years, she fondly remembers how she patterned Howard's community association after the GCRC. Bennett recalls attending a meeting at the District of Columbia's Office of Planning and being amazed at the community support offered by the "Near Northeast Community"—an area that includes the community surrounding Gallaudet—in all of its efforts that required zoning approval. She further explained that she has witnessed immense opposition experienced by other universities that seek community

support when going before the Office of Planning, and was therefore impressed with the level of support offered by the residents who surround Gallaudet.

Additional speakers for the retreat included Fred Weiner, director of Program Development for Administration and Finance. He has led the University's effort in collaborating with key stakeholder groups involved with the revitalization of the Capital City Market to ensure lines of communication remain open throughout the lengthy planning process.

"The GCRC retreat was instrumental in developing a constructive dialogue on the important role the GCRC plays in supporting Gallaudet as the University considers our growing involvement with the local community as evidenced by the Capital City Market planning," said Weiner. Also included in the retreat were presentations by the Student Body Government and the Graduate Student Association, and by Vice President of Administration and Finance Paul Kelly, who stated, "I am thrilled to see the vitality and motivation of the GCRC in involving our students in its mission to improve the community."

Boyd said the GCRC supports the University's mission to support students and will develop goals to assist in those efforts. ■



Matthew Goeb, vice president of the Student Body Government, presents on his organization and its community outreach efforts at the Gallaudet Community Relations Council retreat.

How to...

Make a gift in memoriam or honor

By Matthew Sickon, donor relations specialist, Office of Development

Know someone entering his or her golden years, or marrying a sweetheart? Want a special way to mark the occasion? A gift in honor of the person or event might be the perfect fit.

Gallaudet has over 300 different funds to which you can contribute that would match the person's interests. Suppose your friend is celebrating his 50th birthday and is keenly interested in promoting the arts. You can contribute to funds supporting art programs or art students.

When you make the contribution, simply include the name and address of the person you would like to honor.

In the same way, to remember a loved one who has passed away, you may make your gift in that person's memory. This is a way to keep the person's legacy alive and warm the hearts of his or her family members.

When you make a gift in honor or memory, the Office of Development will send a note to the person or his or her family. Your tribute will be recognized in that year's Honor Roll of Donors in *Gallaudet Today Magazine*.

This is truly a special gift because it will benefit the students, faculty, and staff at Gallaudet for many years to come. Just think of it as the gift that keeps on giving.

Contributions can be made online at support.gallaudet.edu or made with a check payable to Gallaudet University indicating the name of the person you wish to remember or honor and the designated fund. You can make a gift three ways: Send it via campus mail to the Office of Development; bring it to the office on the second floor of EMG; or mail it to Gallaudet University Office of Development, 800 Florida Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002. ■



Brandon Caesar, a registered nurse from Student Health Services (SHS), gives a blood pressure screening to Risk Management and Insurance Manager Pamela Rypkema. SHS offered the screening for free on July 28.

Gallaudet Fact—

Answer: The Gallaudet University Regional Centers are in:

1. Massachusetts, at Northern Essex Community College
2. District of Columbia, at (where else?) Gallaudet University
3. Florida, at Flagler College
4. Kansas, at Johnson County Community College
5. California, at Ohlone College
6. Hawaii, at Kapi'olani Community College

Ask Cousin Sally

The other day, I received this message from an On the Green reader. I hope you enjoy these extra tidbits about the SLCC from one who knows!

Dear Cousin Sally,

I'm George Balsley, and I enjoyed your answer to "Puzzled" in the July 11 issue of *On the Green*. I'm glad that people are asking those questions about this exciting, new, head-turning building! Of course, people want to know why the architects designed it in this form, so different from the rest on the Gallaudet campus.

I am a deaf designing architect working with Smithgroup, Inc. of Washington, D.C. I served as a designing architect-consultant to help the firm plan the James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center. The architects I'm working with are wonderfully creative and full of imagination. I've learned so much from them and I know they have learned so much about deafness.

When this building was first envisioned, if you remember, Gallaudet put together a series of exciting visu-centric workshops and created a set of aesthetic principles that would guide the designers when designing for deaf people. As your readers probably know, visual teachers and learners have unique design ideas that help them feel more comfortable in responding to the built environment. In other words, a Gallaudet building must be designed for deaf people, by deaf people!

The Gallaudet building committee and the Smithgroup architects, after a series of meetings, came up with the main idea that this new SLCC building would be a departure from the usual look of Gallaudet buildings in order to look towards the new high-tech future. Gallaudet wants to let the world know that it is meeting the challenges of tomorrow.

So, today, if you are walking on the campus and you see this new building from a distance, you can't help but notice that it's standing out as a beacon and a symbol of hope for tomorrow's world.

This fall, Gallaudet will take ownership of this building, and when you walk into the new atrium, I guarantee you that you will say "Wow!"

Cousin Sally, OTG's resident retired dairy farmer and advice columnist, is waiting for your questions at cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu.